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Box No. I Basis of the report With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of: international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)) publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4) international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3) With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report): the international application as originally filed/furnished the description: as originally filed/furnished pages received by this Authority on pages\* received by this Authority on pages\* the claims: as originally filed/furnished pages as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19 pages\* received by this Authority on received by this Authority on pages\* the drawings: as originally filed/furnished pages received by this Authority on pages\* received by this Authority on pages\* a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages the claims, Nos. the drawings, sheets/figs the sequence listing (specify): any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)). the description, pages the claims, Nos. the drawings, sheets/figs the sequence listing (specify): any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1. Statement					
Novelty	(N)	Claims Claims	1-15	YES NO	
Inventi	ve step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-15	YES NO	
Industri	ial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	1-15	YES NO	

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a subsea gas compressor module and a method for controlling the pressure in such a subsea gas compressor module.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO, A1, 9117361

D2: WO, A1, 03035225

D3: US, A, 4969803

D4: US, A, 5382141

D5: US, B1, 6288510

D6: US, B1, 6310414

D7: US, B1, 6464469

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1- 15 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed subsea gas compressor module and method for controlling the pressure in such a subsea gas compressor module. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-15 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.